

Sigma Delta FRATERNITY

MARCH 1984



To The Alumni

Sigma Delta, despite the recent problems, is in fine shape and continuing on as always. As you have been informed by Bill Little, pledging should return in the fall. The numbers will be down but by watching ourselves carefully, we will make it financially.

In the June of '83, when I received the phone call from the Dean of Student Life informing me that we would not have pledging of any form for a period of three years, I was rather skeptical as to which way to turn. After speaking with several members of the administration and gaining no ground, the Brotherhood resorted to the Alumni. This turned out to be the right approach for a couple of reasons. The first reason is the outstanding response we received from you. After the letters started flowing in, as well as phone calls, the school realized that we had in no way given up. For the active Brotherhood, it is a great feeling knowing that we have the support that we do. The second reason is that we came in contact with Bill Little, Class of 1961. As you well know, Bill took over things after receiving our initial letter. Many of you have spoken to Bill and have been supportive of his efforts. We appreciate that, as Bill does, and ask you to continue in your support.



Steve Yianikus has done an outstanding job organizing the Alumni Association and those Alumni involved have added a great deal to our weekly meetings. Again, we cannot stress how much we appreciate the Alumni response. As of Feb. 24th, we have new officers within the house. I have a great deal of confidence in the new officers and feel they have the organization and motivation to pull us through until pledging returns. Ted Gay is the President and to this point is doing an outstanding job. Although all the officers are off to a fine start, I must give mention to this years Rush Chairman Richard Simon. It is a difficult situation when a fraternity must miss a pledge period. In one years time, you begin to loose contact with the freshman but

this did not happen due to Richard's determination. Providing everything continues as it has this academic year, we look forward to some new faces in the fall. This would not be possible without the Brotherhood coming together as it did. We look forward to a big turnout on Sigs 80th Birthday on March 17th. Again, we all thank you for your outstanding support.

Faternally,
John Coates '83

Socially Speaking

A typical social semester for Sig has come to an end and it is time to look back on the events and the people we "influenced". A function with a local sorority the day before the annual Clambake started off the social calendar. The Alumni that arrived early were greeted with frosty refreshments and smiling faces on the front porch.

The following day we received a beautiful sunny day for our Clambake. Plenty of BEER and food was consumed by the boys. Clambake was very successful this year and the membership would like to thank all the alumni who returned. A few weeks later was fall weekend. After a cocktail party on Friday night, the boys and their dates ventured to spend a day in Blue Mountain Lane. A very scenic setting on the lake provided an enjoyable time.

Finally, the semester ended with a rather wild blind date party. All the boys traded dates until they found the one that suited them. We are looking forward to seeing all the Alumni at the 80th St. Patty's day celebration on March 17th. Plenty of green beer and schnapps will be waiting.

Robert Drozynski '83
Paul Brodfuehrer '84



HAPPY ST. PATRICKS DAY

**COME AND HELP US CELEBRATE
OUR 80th BIRTHDAY ON MARCH 17th!!**

About the House

It's midwinter here in Potsdam, but you can be sure that the boys in green are staying toasty warm thanks to our new wood stove. We installed the wood stove in the 1st floor fireplace, and since the beginning of the semester the electric heat on the 1st floor has not been turned on. The Brotherhood has really pulled together on this one, cutting and splitting deadwood on our own. We have already saved enough in electric bills to pay for the stove. Plans for the future include a similar stove in the Elbow Room, at that time the electric heaters may be turned off completely and used only during vacation breaks. Speaking of the Elbow Room, the bar has been restored to its original thirst-quenching condition, to the delight of the seniors and the rest of the brotherhood. Future plans for the house include a complete renovation of the upstairs bathroom, which is in really bad shape right now. With the help and support of the Alumni Fund, to which many of you have already contributed, we hope to have the bathroom finished by this Spring. Plans for the fall include storm windows, an item that we desperately need. As many of you already know, the house's physical appearance is very important to the brothers and our Rushing activities, and this is a priority in our planning of activities for our Senior Project, and next year's work week. Together, through the hard work of the active members and the generous contributions of Alumni, we should see a vast improvement in the physical appearance of the house by this Fall. A final note to past "cave" dwellers: Due to the unforeseen drainage problems in the North wall, the "cave den" project has been abandoned due to unrealistic costs.

Hope to see many of you on our 80th!

Faternally,
Matthew Roncone '83
Scott Wolcott '84



Sports Corner

As all the Brotherhood is aware, our house has been ineligible for I.F.C. - Sports this year. It has, however, been an eventful year.

In the Fall, a strong football team competed in intramural football. The inexperience of the dorm teams proved fatal as we walked through the league unbeaten, untied and unscored upon. Of course the whole point of the intramural schedule was a shot at the IFC Champion in the all-campus championship in a game that proved to be one of the most exciting games ever. We took an early 6-0 lead in adverse conditions and played a staunch defensive game. However, Theta Chi scored a late touchdown with only seconds left to send the game into overtime. The drama built as we had two touchdowns called back and had to have a goal line stand to hold off Theta Chi. A long punt return and a pass gave Sig a well deserved all-campus championships. The team was led by Mike Sheridan, Greg Blackwell, John Coates and Dave Scott.

Two tough volleyball teams played well all season only to both lose in playoffs to the eventual all-campus champions. The 'A' Team was led by Bob Drozynski, Frank Cumbo and Nick Cassella. The 'B' Team was led by Paul Brodfuehrer, Paul Spence & Ted Gay.

This semester we have two strong basketball teams. To date the 'A' Team is unbeaten in the top intramural league which is a few notches tougher than the frat leagues. The 'B' Team is very competitive but are having it a little tougher. The 'A' Team is led by Doug Norton and Mike Ralbovsky and Mike Colpoys. The 'B' Team is led by Tim Gaffney, Richard Simon and Scott Wolcott.

In hockey, the team is having an up & down year but still hopes for a playoff berth and a chance to play the frat champ. The team is being led by Jess Esposito, Tony Bouchard and Jeff McCasaland.

Faternally,
Mike Sheridan '83
Mike Colpoys '84

NEW OFFICERS

It's election time again and the choices weren't easy to make. Due to the declining membership, some officers had to be combined in order to ensure the efficient running of the house. The new officers and offices are:

OFFICERS 1984

President.....	Ted Gay.....	Clarence, N.Y.
Vice President.....	Richard O'Hearn.....	Cambridge, N.Y.
Treasurer.....	Timothy Gaffney.....	Avon, N.Y.
Steward.....	Douglas Norton.....	Otter Lake, N.Y.
House Manager.....	Scott Wolcott.....	Rochester, N.Y.
Senior Director.....	Mitchell J. Sherman..	Skaneateles, N.Y.
Junior Director.....	Mark D. Powell.....	Pulaski, N.Y.
Athletic Director.....	Michael Colpoys.....	South Buffalo, N.Y.
Pledge Master.....	Anthony Bouchard....	LaCanada, Cal.
Social Chairman.....	Paul Brodfuehrer.....	
Rush Chairman.....	Richard Simon.....	Scituate, Ma.
Jr. Rush Chairman.....	David Scott.....	Olean, N.Y.
Jr. Social/House Chairman...	Michael Ralbovsky...	Johnstown, N.Y.
Historian.....	Gary Norgren.....	Williamsville, N.Y.
Record/Corres. Secretary.....	Paul Spence.....	West Springfield, Ma.
Sergeant-at-Arms.....	Scott Burwell.....	Inlet, N.Y.

I am sure that myself, and the rest of the membership will do their best to continue the tradition of Sigma Delta. We're all looking forward to seeing you on March 17th for our Eightieth Birthday Celebration.

Faternally,
Ted Gay '84
John Coates '85